



The City Newsletter

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NO TAX INCREASE FOR JEROME RESIDENTS: SUMMARY OF FY 2010-2011 BUDGET

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City Council

Council meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 5:30 pm at Council Chambers, located at 100 East Ave A, Jerome, ID 83338

Council Meets:

- September 7th
- September 21st

For a copy of the most recent agenda, visit our website or email: sfraser@ci.jerome.id.us

Revenues Summary (All Funds)

Governmental Funds		Enterprise Funds	
Property taxes/penalties	\$3,666,677	Charges for service	\$8,378,370
Intergovernmental	\$511,283	Interest	\$12,021
Fees & charges	\$14,881	Other	\$15,000
Interest	\$5,473		
Contributions	\$5,825		
Other	\$1,385,465		
Gov't Funds Total	\$5,589,604	Enterprise Total	\$8,405,391

Expenditures Summary (All Funds)

Governmental Funds		Enterprise Funds	
Executive/Legislative	\$75,178	Irrigation	\$185,358
Administration	\$802,408	Sanitation	\$233,840
Building	\$132,117	Water	\$2,931,263
Fire Control	\$1,342,524	Wastewater	\$5,985,393
Library	\$382,312		
Animal Control	\$81,548		
Law enforcement	\$1,514,090		
Streets	\$1,974,349		
Parks	\$160,623		
Gov't Fund Total	\$6,465,149	Enterprise Total	\$9,335,852

Revenues and Expenditures Summary

Revenues	13,994,995
Expenditures	(15,801,001)
Change in Reserve Balance	(\$1,806,006)
Beginning Reserve Balance 10/01/2009	\$4,695,030
Ending Reserve Balance 09/30/2010	\$2,889,024

The City Council will vote on next year's City budget at their next meeting on Tuesday, September 7th. The City's fiscal year begins October 1st, 2010 and ends September 30, 2011. The proposed budget is a 15% reduction in expenditures across all funds. This means there was \$2,256,150 of cost-cutting across all departments. The City's revenues increased only slightly but not sufficiently to cover the rising costs of goods and services leaving most operations in the red with expenditures exceeding revenues. In order to balance the budget the City is drawing down its cash reserves. This will leave the City with fewer resources to respond to future budget shortfalls or emergency response in the event of a major disaster.

Many people have asked why the City doesn't pursue more grant funding. In fact, thirty percent (30%) of the City's budget comes from grant sources. This is an extraordinary funding level, however grants have certain limitations. Grants by and large are designated only for projects or short-term programs and cannot be used to fund the day-to-day operations of the

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26TH ANNUAL JEROME LIVE HISTORY DAYS!

- **When: September 11 and 12, all day from 8am-5pm**
- **Where: Idaho Farm and Ranch Agricultural Museum located at Crossroads Point, east of Flying J**

- Spinning Demonstration
- Butter Churning
- Model Train Display
- Horseshoe Pitching Contest
- Homebaked Pie Auction
- Variety of Children's Games
- Best Mustache and Beard Contest
- Historical Building Open to Public
- Antique car and truck displays
- Antique Farm Equipment Displays
- Any person can enter contests and participate

For more information, visit or click here: www.historicaljeromecounty.com

QUESTIONS? COMMENTS?

EMAIL ENews@CI.JEROME.ID.US OR CALL 208-324-8189
WWW.CI.JEROME.ID.US

FAREWELL TO OUR LIBRARIAN: LAURA BURNETT

"I'm so glad we had this time together."
 Laura Burnett, Jerome Public Library Director, made this comment to me during a recent interview concerning her tenure with the library.

The City of Jerome is saddened to announce that our Library Director, Laura Burnett, will be leaving us soon for new adventures in the state of Colorado. Though we know Laura is off to embrace the next phase of her life, our Jerome Public Library and the community will miss her.

I asked Laura a few questions about her time spent here in Jerome and of her experiences as the Library Director.

Q: What do you feel was your greatest achievement as the Library Director?

A: Winning the LSTA grant that funded our new circulation system/online catalog. This propelled our library into modern technology and allowed us to join the LIBRI consortium (sharing resources with Burley and DeMary (Rupert) libraries). We went from 43K items locally to over 100K collectively.

Q: What was your greatest challenge as the Library Director?

A: Not taking on too much. There are many programs and services that libraries are able to provide. Figuring out how much to take on in order to keep the staff challenged and interested while maintaining the day-to-day required services is a balancing act. The Idaho Commission for Libraries is a fantastic



Laura Burnett, Library Director, will soon be leaving Jerome

support entity for local libraries. They create and put forth ready-made programs and services that require very little extra work on the part of local staff. Thanks to their great efforts, we were able to do so much with a small staff of only 6 people.

Q: What are you going to miss most about your position?

A: Serving the people of Jerome. While my job required mainly back office work; writing grants, creating budgets, buying new materials, and planning for future programs, I made a priority of always spending some of my day IN the library with the patrons. I enjoyed hearing about the latest book they read, assisting someone with a computer issue, watching children play with puzzles or reading, seeing teens hanging out with friends, or groups gather in our meeting rooms. I will miss these interactions the most.

Q: Anything else you would like to add?

A: Keep reading, keep learning, and always support your local schools and libraries whose job it is to make the world a better place for all.

My favorite library quote is "There is not such a cradle of democracy upon the earth as the Free Public Library, this republic of letters, where neither rank, office, nor wealth receives the slightest consideration." ~Andrew Carnegie

Thanks for allowing me to serve the citizens of Jerome, the pleasure has been all mine.

*Article by Monica Harrison,
 Human Resources Director*

IRRIGATION SEASON COMING TO A CLOSE

With irrigation season coming to a close in October, the Water Works Department is clearing ditches, responding to floods, and mitigating other issues. Always keep in mind that flood irrigation can become destructive to a home if not monitored closely.

In addition to the preparations to conclude the irrigation season, the Water Works department is keeping busy with the normal routine

of reading meters and making customer service calls. The Water Works Department has also been assisting Public Works with pipe installation at the 93 Tech Park and are finishing up with the installation of the waterlines. As of September 1, crews are preparing for sewer line testing at the Tech Park. The Tech Park is located out on the Jerome Butte.

STATUS REPORT ON THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT



The Public Works Department of the City of Jerome has had a busy summer finishing projects and meeting deadlines.

The chip seal project has been completed with only the finishing touches remaining. A total of 7.20 miles of city streets were oiled and chip sealed in August with no set-backs. Crews will now be working on street sweeping the remaining chips and debris from the treated roads as well as re-stripping the newly sealed streets. Excess chips retrieved from treated roads are dispersed in various locations across town such as alleys and dirt roads.

Work will continue on the West 8th Street project between Date and Fir Streets. Crews will help prepare roads, trenches, and pipes for work from the various utility companies in the area. This project includes a complete rebuild of streets, curbs, and gutter for these areas.

The 93 Technology Park project is still in progress as crews are laying pipes, digging trenches and backfilling as needed at the utility crossings. Crews are expected to work on this project until early to mid fall.

As summer comes to a close, the Public Works Department will begin to shift gears and prepare crews, trucks, and equipment for the winter and fall months. Throughout late summer and early fall, the crews will be working on general maintenance such as tree/limb chipping for citizens, storm drain clean-up, and street sweeping. With the fall and winter months approaching quickly, the street equipment will be "accessorized" with blades and other equipment capable of removing snow and ice as needed.

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

VOLUNTEER AT THE JEROME ANIMAL SHELTER!



Have a soft heart for animals? Want to give back to the community in a unique and rewarding way? The Jerome Animal Shelter is always looking for new volunteers to help out walking dogs, feeding dogs, cleaning kennels, and transporting dogs to other shelters. If you are interested or would like more information, call Monica Harrison at 324-8189 or send her an email at hr@ci.jerome.id.us.

BECOME A VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER!



Questions?
 Call Human Resources at
 324-8189 ext 140

CALL FOR IMMIGRANT STORIES: WRITER'S WORKSHOP

What is YOUR "Journey Story?" We want to know at Jerome Public Library!

Mobility is part of our American identity and stories of how we and our ancestors came to this country and moved from one part of it to another are central to the personal heritage of each of us. To this day, the right to travel "in pursuit of happiness" is one of the freedoms we enjoy. Throughout this fall and winter, Jerome Public Library will be hosting programming as well as the Smithsonian "Museum on Main Street" exhibit which focuses on immigration, migration, innovation, and freedom through America's history.

Do you have a story of immigration or migration of your ancestors or yourself? Or perhaps a legendary family vacation trip? Bring a type-written story and a picture (if you have one) that we can scan to the library before the end of October and we will use it as part of our local exhibit to complement the Smithsonian exhibit.

If you are not sure how to get started, the Jerome Civic Club will be holding a writers'

workshop at the library on Saturday, September 18, 2010 from 10:00 a.m to noon. It will be led by Bonnie Dodge, an award-winning writer with an avid interest in Idaho history and historical preservation. Bring your favorite writing materials. This is your chance to put a piece of your family history on paper for your descendents as well as for the community.

Article by Lorna Irwin, contributing columnist



JEROME FIREFIGHTERS ORGANIZE FUNDRAISER FOR MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY

During the annual "Fill the Boot" fundraiser on August 20th and 21st, Jerome Firefighters stood on the street corners of Main and Lincoln collecting coins, cash and checks for the MDA (Muscular Dystrophy Association). It was a huge success this year and the Jerome firefighters would like to send out a big thank you to all drivers who

dropped their dollars and change into the firefighter's boots. We reached a total of \$9,553.00, which is double last year's .



JEROME PD: BEYOND DUNKING DONUTS

We hope everyone who attended the Jerome County Fair had the opportunity to visit the Magic Valley Canine booth. Our police officers had a dunk tank set up to raise funds to purchase training equipment for the drug detection and apprehension dogs.

For the low price of \$1 for three balls the public was allowed to dunk their favorite police officer. Officers Tim Green, Janeece Gonzales, Bryan Clayton, and Jon Lenker were dunked enough times to raise \$450 for the program. Captain Green reported a Wii game system, donated by Wal*Mart, was raffled as well.

He further reported the Jerome Police Department is training its first dual purpose patrol dog. Officer Janeece Gonzales will be the handler. Kenzo is a Dutch Shepherd/Belgian Malinois cross. He is currently going through an intense ten week training course.

Contact Captain Green at 324-4328 to purchase a t-shirt to help support the Magic Valley Canine Association for the low cost of \$13.00.



JOE MAMA'S CAR SHOW 2010!



Cars, cars and more cars. (Also, bikes and trucks) This was the sight at the two downtown City parks in Jerome on August 21, 2010. Joe Mama's Car Show, hosted by the Magic Valley Early Iron Club, was held Saturday the 21st. The largest classic car show in Idaho, Joe Mama's car show is now in its 12th year.

It was started by longtime resident and car enthusiast, Joe Skaug. Since its inception, the car show has been getting bigger and attracting more entrants each year. In addition to the cars, car show enthusiasts were witness to several dragster burnouts down Main Street. The

burnout is a tradition that residents look forward to every year with increasing interest.

Jerome's finest (Police, Fire, and EMS personnel) were there to keep the peace, ensure the health and safety of the citizens, and enjoy the show. Local food vendors filled both parks with wonderful aromas from a variety of foods that were enjoyed by all. For the kids, Spiderman spun in to see all the action and visit with everyone.

Below are pictures from the 2010 Joe Mama's Car Show. For more pictures, visit the City's Facebook Page (City of Jerome, Idaho).



UPCOMING LIBRARY EVENTS

Jerome Public Library Hours of Operation

- Monday through Thursday
9 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Friday
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Saturdays (starting Sept. 11th)
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Upcoming Events

Back 2 School Party

- September 8th – 3:00-5:00 pm
Wii ~ Play Station ~ Food ~ Crafts

Live History Days

- September 11th & 12th at the crossroads of US Highway 93 & Interstate 84
- Flag raising ceremony - 10 a.m. Saturday Sept. 11th by Jerome City Fire Dept.
- National Anthem by JHS Marching Band
- Admission - \$5 for Adults, 12 and under free

Planet Protectors Club

- September 13th & 27th @ 4 p.m.
– for all ages

Young Readers Voice

- September 15th & 29th @ 4 p.m.
– for all ages

Story Time

- Every Friday starting September 10th @ 10 a.m.
- Geared towards children 5 and under

Continuing Activities

- Wii Thursdays – 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
- For children and teens
- Movie Mondays every Monday at 3:30 pm



SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

Be a Part of the Preparedness Team

How often do you think about emergencies or disasters? Probably not very often. Maybe after

it happens to someone else. However, taking just a few steps can give you the tools to ensure you and your family's safety in an emergency.

According to the 2009 Citizen Corps National Survey, only 16 percent of individuals believed there was a high likelihood of a natural disaster to EVER happen in their community. But disasters happen every day in many different forms – from hurricanes to snowstorms, even localized events such as floods and power outages.

Many people think that it will be easy to grab items from your pantry if disaster strikes. But what if you aren't at home? What if your family is separated? What if you have to leave quickly? What about your elderly neighbor? The Ready Campaign and Citizen Corps encourage you to take a few extra minutes this month to plan for any emergency.

September is National Preparedness

Month (NPM) and a good reminder that we all have a responsibility to protect ourselves, our families, and our communities. Emergencies will happen, but taking action now can help us minimize the impact they will have on our lives.

This year, NPM focuses on encouraging you and other Americans to take active steps toward getting involved and becoming prepared. Preparedness is everyone's responsibility. We have to work together, as a team, to ensure that individuals, families, and communities are ready. Make a plan. Put together an emergency supply kit. Stay informed. Work as a team to keep everyone safe.

Throughout September the Office of Emergency Management will be participating in several events to highlight the importance of emergency preparedness and promote individual involvement, such as the Magic Valley Safe Kids Coalition Safety Fair at Con Paulos Auto Dealership on September 11th. The office is also encouraging participation locally in Map Your Neighborhood (MYN) and Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training programs. Look for opportunities to participate in these events in your community.

For more information or help getting your

family, business or community prepared contact the Jerome County Office of Emergency Management at (208) 324-9261.

To reach the National Ready Campaign call 1-800-BE-READY, TTY 1-800-462-7585 or visit online www.ready.gov or www.listo.gov where you'll find free preparedness resources such as Family Emergency Plan templates, Emergency Supply Kit Checklists, and much more. The Ready Web site also has a special section for kids, ages 8-12, (Ready Kids) and small-to-medium sized businesses. (Ready Business). Emergencies can happen at any time and to anyone. Are You Ready?

*Article by Clint Blackwood,
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BUDGET FY 2010-2011

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City. Most grants also require a match of local funds, so the City has to pass on some grants because other priorities do not allow the City to fund such projects. Grants are a wonderful way to provide new services and enhance the community. City staff will continue to pursue every opportunity aggressively. Unfortunately, the City will have to look to other means to maintain its employees, roads, buildings and the fleet of vehicles for police, fire, and public works.

Some of the lessons learned during the development of this budget is that the City is on a fixed income with very few tools to pay for the increasing costs of doing business. The City of Jerome has one of the fastest growing populations in Idaho rising to 9,500 this year at an annual rate of 4.1% over the last decade. The growth of industry in Jerome has also dramatically increased the demand for potable

water and wastewater treatment. Each dairy processing operation creates a demand roughly equivalent to a residential population of 40,000, which means the City's Water Works department currently serves the equivalent residential population of 150,000. In spite of this growth in demand, the City has stretched its resources to do more with less. In the short term this strategy will benefit the tax payers and rate payers by the fact that there will be no increases to their city taxes or utility rates during this difficult economic recession. In the long term however, this strategy is not sustainable and the City will have to consider whether to raise taxes and rates or reduce services in the future.

If you have any questions or concerns about the City's financial plan for the coming year, please do not hesitate to discuss them with our City Administrator, Ben Marchant, at 324-8189.





**Jerome
 Recreation
 District**

Healthy Heart Walk – Sept 18 @ 8:00 am – tshirts and refreshments included - \$12 per person

September Fitness Classes:

- Morning Spinning – 5:25 AM – M W and F
- Noon Spinning – 12:15 PM – M T and TH (classes start Sept. 20)
- Evening Spinning – 5:30 PM – M and W
- Morning Pilates – 8:15 AM, M W F
- Yoga – 8:30 AM - T and TH
- Morning Zumba – 7:00 AM - M and W
- Evening Zumba – 5:25 PM – T and TH
- Get Fit – 5:15 AM – T and TH
- Cardio and Strength – 5:30 AM – T and TH
- Kids Dance – 5:15 PM – M and W
- Home School PE – 2:00 PM – W and F

Tumbling starts again – Sept classes start Sept 8th

- Aerials @ 4:45 pm
- Combos @ 5:30 pm

Youth Fall Sports – Soccer, Flag Football, Volleyball – deadline for registering Sept 5 - \$17 per child per sport

Fit 4 Life – After school program

- Grades 1 - 6
- Snacks, crafts, nutrition, fun and games
- 3:10 pm – 5:30 pm M-F
- \$60 per child
- 25% discount for additional siblings

Check our website for the latest information

www.jeromerecreationdistrict.com
Questions? Call (208) 324-3389

Community Events

- **JEROME AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT 46:** September 7, 4 p.m. War Memorial Hall, 107 East Seventh Street, Jerome. Installation of new officers. For more information, call Diane 944-4300.
- **I-FARM: LIVE HISTORY DAYS:** September 11 and 12 at the I-Farm. Several activities are planned, including contests for: Farmers Market for home grown veggies etc, largest/longest vegetable (example: green bean, pumpkin, watermelon, potato, etc.), longest beard, longest mustache, longest braid for a woman. The Park and Rec. will be in charge of the children's games and the horseshoe tournament. More to come on the children's games if teams are part of it or not. The horseshoe tournament is a team sport. Sign up sheet will be available around town for the different activities. For more information or to volunteer, call Gretchen at 324.8210 or Kelly at 308.6886
- **JEROME CIVIC CLUB:** September 14, 1 p.m. at the Jerome Public Library. For more information call Gretchen 324-8210.
- **SUMMER MOVIE NIGHTS!:** Summer movie night is held each Tuesday night at 5:00 pm at the Jerome Public Library. The program will continue until the end of September and is free and open to all children. Each night starts with the children being read a story from a children's book, and then a movie is shown based upon the book. Popcorn, lemonade and other treats are provided. All of the books and movies are from children's book authors. For questions, call the Library 324-5427
- **WRITING WORKSHOP FOR ANYONE:** Journey Stories addition to the Smithsonian Exhibit: September 18, 10 a.m. to noon, Jerome Library. No charge. For more information call Lorna 324-7544
- **FRIENDS OF THE JEROME PUBLIC LIBRARY:** September 9, 10 a.m. The bookstore is open each day the Library is open, where persons may take home books to keep for a small donation. If you have some good used books to donate, please take them to the Library. For more information, call Mary 324-1403.
- **JEROME COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY:** regular meeting September 9, 5 p.m. at the Idaho Farm and Ranch Museum. Live History Day, September 11 at the Idaho Farm and Ranch Museum, \$5 for adults, under age 12 free. For more information call the Museum 324-5641 or Lulu Mae 324-4185
- **IDAHO WRITERS LEAGUE,** September 18, noon to 2 p.m. Idaho Pizza, Kimberly Road, Twin Falls. No admission charge. For more information, call Linda 324-7694.

SEPTEMBER ISSUE STAFF WRITERS



Shonna Fraser is the City Clerk and has worked for the City for over twenty years. She reported on the Police Department.

Oscar Garcia has been a full-time firefighter with the city for almost a year. He reported on the Water Department.



John Boyd is the Water Works Director and has been with the City for almost eight years. He reported on Joe Mama's Car Show for this issue.



Dave Richey is the City Building Inspector and has worked for the City for over twenty years. He reported on Administration for this issue.



Angie Haddock has worked in the Library for over two years. She reported on the Public Works Department for this issue.



Monica Harrison is the Human Resources Director and has been with the City for over two years. She reported on Library for this issue.